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USFJI 31-207, 11 July 2003, is supplemented as follows:

This supplement applies to assigned, attached, and tenant units. This supplement sets forth policy on importing, storing, carrying, possessing, and using weapons, ammunition, and dangerous instruments for Yokota Air Base (AB), Japan. This supplement applies to military members, United States (US) civilian components and family members.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.

5.12. (Added) Importation of any handguns, rifles, pellet and/or BB guns, or any other weapon classified as a firearm onto Yokota AB or Tama Hills Recreation Area is strictly prohibited. Any of these weapons imported prior to 1 December 1995 will be maintained in the 374th Security Forces Squadron (374 SFS) Armory or shipped out at the owner's expense. Personal possession, transfer, or storage of the following dangerous instruments on Yokota AB is strictly prohibited:

5.12.1. (Added) Any handguns, rifles, pellet and/or BB guns, or any other weapon classified as a firearm, excluding nonfunctional antiques.

5.12.2. (Added) Any bladed weapon with a length in excess of six centimeters (2.36 inches). This provision does not apply to unsharpened decorative swords or to kitchen cutlery as long as they are maintained in the residence.

5.12.3. (Added) All spring release, switchblade, and "butterfly" knives.

5.12.4. (Added) Metal ("brass") knuckles.

5.12.5. (Added) Trench knives or bayonets (excluding the M-7 and M-9 bayonets utilized for official duties).

5.12.6. (Added) Blackjacks or objects designed to be used as clubs to inflict bodily harm.

5.12.7. (Added) Any unauthorized fireworks or explosives of any type.

5.12.8. (Added) Straight razors, razor blades used for other than the designed purpose. This includes weapons made from either device.

5.12.9. (Added) Bows, crossbows, compound bows, or any other instrument that expels an arrow or bolt-like device except for those maintained by 374th Mission Support Group Services Division (374 MSG/SV) for use at the Tama Hills Archery Range.

5.12.10. (Added) Any other dangerous objects prohibited by the Japanese Gun and Sword Control Law No. 6 of 1958.

5.13. (Added) Paintball guns are only authorized for use at the Tama Recreation Center. They are not authorized for use at any other location on the installation. Paintball guns may be stored in on-base quarters, however, compressed air/C02 cartridges that allow the paintball gun to fire will be empty while stored on base. These cartridges may be filled at Tama Recreation Center.

13.4. Acquisition. No one subject to this supplement may purchase or in any other way acquire a handgun, rifle, shotgun, pellet and/or BB gun, or any other weapon classified as a firearm intended for use or storage on Yokota AB or Tama Hills Recreation Area. Paintball guns may be purchased for authorized uses.

13.6.1. All privately owned firearms meeting the requirements outlined in paragraph **5.12. (Added)** or purchased legally in Japan and stored off-base will be registered at the 374 SFS Pass and Registration Section (374 SFS/SFAP).

13.7. Storage. The designated weapons storage facility for Yokota AB is the 374 SFS Armory. Only firearms meeting the requirements outlined in paragraph **5.12. (Added)** will be authorized for storage on Yokota AB. At no time will a weapon be stored in a family housing unit, dormitory, or billeting facility. Weapons may only be removed from the 374 SFS Armory if they are being shipped out of Japan. Proof of this shipment must be provided to 374 SFS Armory personnel. All weapons that are left behind by departing personnel will be destroyed after 30 days. All weapons will be shipped in accordance with 374th Logistics Readiness Squadron (374 LRS) directives.

13.8.1. Contraband devices and weapons will be confiscated for disposal, regardless of owner.

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